



2025 18FT NZL SKIFF CHAMPIONSHIPS SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

24TH-26TH JANUARY 2025

Organising Authority
Royal Akarana Yacht Club
8-10 Tamaki Drive
Okahu Bay, Auckland 1071

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1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing
- 1.2 Yachting New Zealand Prescriptions shall apply
- 1.3 The Yachting New Zealand Safety Regulations Part 1 shall apply with class exemptions
- 1.4 Boats shall at all times observe the Auckland Council Navigation Safety bylaws in particular Part 8, 55. A Moving Prohibited Zone.
- 1.5 Class Rules shall apply
- 1.6 Appendix T will apply (arbitration)

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The race office is located inside the Hyundai Marine Sports Centre, 8-10 Tamaki Drive, Okahu Bay, Auckland 1071
- 2.2 The official notice board will be the ASC Skiff League (18's) WhatsApp Group

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RAYC flagpole
- 4.2 When flag “AP” is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in the race signal AP

SCHEDULE

Friday 24 January	Saturday 25 January	Sunday 26 January
1730 – Briefing	1000 – Briefing	1000 – Briefing
1830 – First Warning Signal Up to two races	1100 – First Warning Signal Up to three races	1100 First Warning Signal Up to three races
	1500 – BBQ	1500 – BBQ & Prizegiving

5. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the 18' Skiff - Class Flag

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1 The host club is Royal Akarana Yacht Club. The racing area will be the inner Waitemata Harbour, in an area approximately described as stretching from Rough Rock, Bean Rock, St Heliers Beach to Mechanics Bay

7. COURSES

- 7.1 The courses will be as per Attachment 1
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display a course board / flag designating the course to be sailed

8. MARKS

- 8.1 The marks used will be the permanent yellow harbour marks described in Attachment 1.
- 8.2 The inadvertent touching of a mark (but not attaching to or shifting a mark) is permitted. In the event that a mark is engaged causing it to shift or becomes attached to a skiff RRS rule 31 in its entirety will apply. This amends RRS rule 31.

9. THE START

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end and the port-end start mark.
- 9.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and 5.2.
- 9.3 The Race Committee Vessel(s) may hold station by using engines. Any effects(s) shall not be grounds for granting redress. This alters RRS 62.1 b and 62.2

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finish boat and the finishing mark.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12. TIME LIMIT & TARGET TIMES

- 12.1 Failure to meet the target times will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.2 The time limits and target times in minutes for the first boat are as follows:
Time Limit 60 minutes Target Time 45 minutes
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4 and A5.

13. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located in the RAYC office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 13.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the RAYC clubhouse beginning at the time posted.
- 13.4 Notices or protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 13.5 Breaches of instructions 13.1, 19 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decided. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 13.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 13.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

14. SCORING

- 14.1 Eight (8) are scheduled with no reserve day
- 14.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series
- 14.3 There will be one (1) drop after five (5) races completed.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1 Each boat shall "sign on" and "sign off" for each day's racing on the sheet provided.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race or returns to the launching area before she has finished the last race of the day shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 16.2 Sails, rigging and equipment may be substituted provided all equipment complies with Sailing Instructions section 1.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and sailing instructions. On the water a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones
- 18.2 The Race Channel will be VHF 77 unless the Race Officer advises otherwise.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. RIGHTS TO USE NAME & LIKENESS

By participating in the event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at the discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for said event in which the competitor participated and in all material related to the said event without compensation.

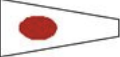

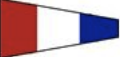

21. USE OF DRONE FOR MEDIA





All those who take part in the regatta as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property (boats).

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:
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ATTACHMENT 1

Course Number	Course Description
<p>Course 1 Southwesterly</p> 	<p>Short Course Start near North Head > Resolution (P) > Orakei (P) > North Head (P) > Resolution (P) > Finish at North Head.</p> <p>Long Course Start near North Head Resolution (P) > Orakei (P) > Rough Rock Yellow (P) > Resolution (P) > Rough Rock Yellow (P) > Resolution (P) > Finish near North Head</p>
<p>Course 2 Northerly</p> 	<p>Short Course Start near Orakei > North Head (S) > Bean Rock (S) > Orakei (S) > North Head (S) > Finish near Orakei.</p> <p>Long Course Start near Orakei > Rough Rock Black (S) > Bean Rock (S) > Orakei (S) > Rough Rock Black (S) > Orakei (S) > Rough Rock Black (S) > Finish near Orakei.</p>
<p>Course 3 Easterly</p> 	<p>Short Course Start near Orakei > Bastion (P) > Torpedo (P) > Resolution (P) > Bastion (P) > Resolution (P) > Finish near Orakei.</p> <p>Long Course Start near Orakei > Kohi West (P) > Torpedo (P) > Resolution (P) > Kohi West (P) > Resolution (P) > Finish near Orakei.</p>
<p>Course 4 Westerly</p> 	<p>Short Course Start near Orakei > Resolution (S) > Torpedo (S) > Bastion (S) > Resolution (S) > Bastion (S) > Finish near Orakei.</p> <p>Long Course Start near Orakei > Resolution (S) > Torpedo (S) > Kohi West (S) > Resolution (S) > Kohi West (S) > Finish at Orakei.</p>

Course 5 Southeasterly 	Short Course Start near North Head > Bastion (P) > Nth Head (P) > Bastion (P) > Finish near North Head. Long Course Start near Nth Head > Bastion (P) > Nth Head (P) > Bastion (P) > Nth Head (P) > Bastion (P) > Finish near North Head.
Course 6 Northwesterly 	Short Course Start near Bastion > Torpedo (P) > Orakei (P) > Bastion (P) > Torpedo (P) > Bastion (P) > Torpedo (P) > Orakei (P) > Finish near Bastion. Long Course Start near Bastion > Torpedo (P) > Orakei (P) > Kohi West (P) > Torpedo (P) > Kohi West (P) > Torpedo (P) > Orakei (P) > Finish near Bastion.
Course 7 Northeasterly 	Short Course Start near Resolution > North Head (S) > Bastion (S) > Resolution (S) > North Head (S) > Finish near Resolution. Long Course Start near Resolution > North Head (S) > Bastion (S) > Resolution (S) > North Head (S) > Resolution (S) > North Head (S) > Bastion (S) > Finish near Resolution.
Course 8 Southerly 	Short Course Start near North Head > Orakei (P) > Bean Rock (P) > North Head (P) > Orakei (P) > Finish near North Head. Long Course Start near North Head > Orakei (P) > Bean Rock (P) > Rough Rock Black (P) > Orakei (P) > Finish near North Head.

All marks are as per the Auckland Harbour racing buoys

For all courses: the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the start boat at the starboard end of the line and the port end starting mark.